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#### National Chairmen.

Now it is Judge Parker's turn. The gossips are choosing a campaign manager for him, and giving him some very important pointers.

There has been great difficulty in Mr. Roosevelt's case, and, indeed, it still continues. Mr. Hanna's death ended, of course, the speculation about him. But a long list of other names has been canvassed. The President, we have been told, turned from Mr. Hanna to Gov. Crane; then to Ellhu Root, then to C. N. Bliss, then to Senator Scott, then to Gov. Murphy of New Jersey, and so on. He has been refused by all of them. None could see his way clear to undertake the management of the republican campaign. Some had other fish to fry. Others frankly looked askance at the difficulties of the job. And so we have the President pictured to us as in despair on the subject, and as threatened with the necessity of drafting some obscure and inexperienced individual for this most im-

The managing talent of the democratic party is now being paraded before Judge Parker. He is assured that Thomas Taggart of Indiana is a highly capable man and the very one he needs. He knows all the ropes and how to pull them. Call him to command and give him full swing, and the battle will be as good as won. Then there is Patrick McCarren, who has just assisted in downing Tammany in Judge Parker's interests in New York. Why not make Mr. McCarren chairman of the national committee? He is so familiar with the territory that his work in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut would be very thorough and valuable. And with his acquaintance in and around Wall street what a whopping campaign fund he would be able to raise! And then Mr. Gorman. Where could a better if so good a man for the job be found? Remember his work in 1884. And look at his fine work in Mary-

land since then. This sort of thing is very thoughtful on the part of the gossips, for, as a matter of fact, as neither Mr. Roosevelt nor Judge Parker has been nominated, there is plenty of time for the choosing of the campaign managers. Good men are available for both parties. In each case the man selected must have not only the thorough confidence of the candidate, but the confidence as well of the candidate's leading sponsors. For this reason it is a little amusing to see Mr. Gorman's name figuring in the Parker column. Imagine the enthusiasm with which, after steering his friend to victory at St. Louis, David B. Hill would advise turning over his friend's fortunes in the campaign for election to the senator from Maryland!

### Spots on the Sun.

Spots have appeared again on the sun and the explanation of the source of many ills is at hand. The backwardness of the season, the failure of crops, the sluggishness of the stock markets, the prevalence tending armies in Korea, the failure of the Washington base ball club to win a gamemay now with entire confidence be referred to the sun spots. Those freckles on the face of the great orb are big enough to be seen without the aid of a telescope, who peer skyward in search of them would do well to go slowly in this The sun is really diffident and dislikes being stared at. So the smoked the solar magnate will grant a view of his present disfigurements. The real cause of these vast chasms in

the sun's incandescent envelop has not been determined to the satisfaction of astrenomers, although they have evolved many plausible suggestions. It is evident that gigantic convulsions occur within the body of the sun and rend the veil of burning gases which constitutes the visible ex-Comparative statistics of the area of sun spots always sorely tax the credulity of the unscientific and afford impressive bases for a faint conception of the vastness nature. It is regarded by scientists as more than merely coincidental that an outbreak of sun spots is followed by phenomena of tiny member of the solar system. Pretty much everything climatic and seismic which cannot be otherwise accounted for is attributed to these breaches in the luminous surface of the sun. So now is the season for extraordinary happenings and even more extraordinary theories.

It has been estimated that the expense of Russia's war amounts to \$750,000 a day. The element of Russia's population that frequently goes hungry cannot help wondering where the money comes from.

Washington's base ball players are to be commended for not trying to blame the umpire for all their hard luck.

St. Louis feels about ready to show Buffalo and Chicago what a fair ought to be

## Mr. Cleveland's Qualities.

Mr. F. A. Richardson's communication in yesterday's Star on the subject of Mr. Cleveland closed with this sentence: "At the same time it is due to him to say that before his great qualities his small ones fade into insignificance." A paragraph recording those great qualities would have to the interest of an already very interesting deliverance. We may yet get that. Mr. Richardson is an experienced observer of national men and measures, a forceful writer, and, whether in agreement with him or not, The Star is always happy to hear from him.

A catalogue of Mr. Cleveland's small qualities Mr. Richardson gives in clear and land's manner as President in dealing both with the public and with his cabinet advisers. He testifies to the fact that, notwithstanding Mr. Cleveland's shuffle with the subject, Frederick Douglass was a guest by invitation at White House receptions during Mr. Cleveland's first term-He tells the story of how Mr. Cleveland at St. Louis last spring attempted to put upon Washington correspondents responsibility for that for which he, Mr. Cleveland, was notoriously responsible. Here is the story of gruffness, shuffling and evasion-all, undoubtedly, small qualities.

May we look for Mr. Cleveland's great qualities in the policies of his two administrations? His first administration came to end without result, except his own complete discomfiture. His one act of note was his free trade message of December, 1887, and that he attempted to retract through Mr. Gorman at the democratic

tween March, 1889, and the summer of 1802 he was an intriguer for another try at the presidency, and played his cards so well he carried off the nomination and was

Mr. Cleveland's second administration was the most appalling experience this country has ever known in times of peace. Henry Villard tells us in his memoirs how Mr. Cleveland botched the silver business, and by a delay of six months in calling Congress together added to the business unrest and panic of that period. We all know what mess he made of the tariff business, and how he finally had to face a bill which he lacked the courage either to sign or to veto. Mr. Olney as Attorney General settled the famous Chicago strike, and as Secretary of State-he makes the claim openly himselfcalled Great Britain to book in the Venezuelan matter. The summer of 1896 found the democratic party in angry revolt against Mr. Cleveland and all his works, saw it surrender in a state of demoralization to populism at Chicago, and saw Mr. Cleveland, reduced to a state of desperation, throw his influence in favor of the republicans against the party which had twice elected him President. In democratic circles he was, for the time, the most odious man

alive? Any great qualities there? Mr. Richardson's experience with Mr. Tilden, which he tells well, is very much to the point at this time. Any one who ever met the Fox of Greystone can see him protesting very solemnly to his caller how unwilling he was to hear of another nomination for himself to the presidency, at the same time yearning for it in every pulse of his being. So with Mr. Cleveland today. His friends receive his unalterable determination never to think of running for the presidency again with a quickening of zeal in behalf of his boom which all but sets them frantic. Lord Byron has immortalized the lady who, vowing she would ne'er consent, consented. Mr. Cleveland knows the coy role, and his friends know him. Watch how the comedy develops as July approaches.

The Seventy-Year Bill and Pensions. The New York Sun notes The Star's comnents on the Gillet bill, to dismiss all government clerks who have reached the age of seventy, and seems to find cause for alarm in this paper's declaration that the proposed enactment would be "surprising and distressing if unaccompanied by any form of service pension proposition, such as the cleras themselves have for years been asking for legislation to enable them to put into execution." Thereupon the Sun says:

"It is the 'surprising and distressing' nature of the case that gives strength to the belief that the main object of the retirement proposition is to force the adop-tion of a civil pension law, rather than to clear the public service of incompetent employes. It is not true that all men and women at seventy years are incapacitated for cierical work, but it is true that the for clerical work, but it is true that the task of justifying before the public a civil pension bill would be comparatively easy if a number of worthy persons suddenly deprived of the means of livelihood in their old age could be paraded before the nation as an argument in its favor. If Congress passes the retirement bill the civil pension bill will be enacted in a burst of sympathetic hysteria, without proper discussion or consideration. Under the plea of relief for the clerks unnecessarily and prevented, through no fault of their own from earning a living, a system of old-age pensions for all sutordinate employes will be rushed through Congress and adopted by the government without undergoing that careful scrutiny that its im-portance demands. As establishing a rule by which to determine the fitness of a person for clerical employment the retirement bill is merely ridiculous. As the thin edge of a civil pension wedge it is distinctly a dangerous measure." tinctly a dangerous measure.'

The Star has never urged the enactment of any form of civil pension law on the don't do any harm until you go to stirring clerks' provision of the funds. It does not today believe that the Gillet bill was advanced for the purpose of furthering of pneumonia, the inactivity of the con- this enterprise in either phase. But it does believe, and has so stated from the outset of this latest agitation of the question, that it would be monstrously unjust for the government to dismiss the clerks lishing some form of pension. The clerks is no hope at present for a government maintained civil pension fund, and they are also as a body advocates of the establishment of a fund contributed by themselves only as an expedient to protect them from just such threats of arbitrary dismissal as that embodied in the Gillet

The clerks can well afford to regard the case in its present state complacently if. as the Sun suggests, this pending bill is too ridiculous to be passed. But it cannot be doubted that the broaching of the subject in the form of this measure, with a unanimous report from the committee, has caused the elder government workers great distress. Probably not a man in the public service today believes that the framers and advocates of the bill in Congress have the least shadow of an idea that it will lead to the creation of some form of civil pension fund. Every now and then some one announces

be turned white, and there is room for apprehension that Mr. Gorman may yet be utterly at sea in deciding who shall be allowed to vote. Oom Paul's sympathies may be with Japan, but he is not sanguine over the

discovery by which colored people may

probabilities when a small country undertakes to fight a big one. Mr. Bryan really seems to feel that it is the business of his fellow democrats to

keep on guessing until they find a man As a tiger-tamer David B. Hill will do

well to remember that most animal trainers go into the cage once too often President Diaz of Mexico is up for re-

election, and he doesn't feel the slightest need of a campaign manager. Bourke Cockran makes it clear that when

he orates it is not for gain, but from a natural love of oratory It is but a few weeks till the time when

# Cupid's Curfew.

warm weather may be positively guaran-

From time immemorial the question of how late a young man might with propriety and safety stay at the house of his sweetheart when calling on her has been relegated to the parties in interest, the suitor, the girl and the parent, with occasional participation in the case by the family watch-dog. The law, however, has never until now ventured to take a hand in relationship. It has, of course, recognized that a man's house is his castle, and it has consented from time to time to bear lightly upon the conduct of an irate parent toward one whom he regarded as a trespasser. But it has remained for a St. Louis judge to lay down a rule of conduct for all lovelorn callers. A certain young woman of the mound city took umbrage at the manner in which her father behaved toward her wooer. The young man had in some way, not detailed, incurred the enmity of the parent, a by no means uncommon happenoccasion at least he had been ejected by force in a way to wound his physical feelings and to inflict great mental suffering upon his lady love. Whereupon this aggressive young woman haled her father to court on a complaint of assault, and the

case was heard in all its fullness, and at

"eleven o'clock at night is long enough for any beau to stay with his sweetheart." Reports of the case thus far in hand are deplorably deficient. It does not appear whether the St. Louis gallant is by this ruling given license to call until 11 o'clock, or is still subject to the despotic rule of the father, who retains the veto power. Presumably the court holds this issue in reserve, and the assumption is that every man calls on his beloved at his own risk, and has absolutely no rights in the premises after 11. Of course, the St. Louis court's decision does not of itself affect the suitors of other cities. But the precedent laid down by it will undoubtedly have an effect upon parents everywhere the news is carried. It would not be surprising to find a concerted movement in progress, at the instance of the Amalgamated Fathers of Pretty Girls, to secure the enactment of curfew laws covering this particular point. Nor would it be wonderful if some genius, inspired by this decision, were to invent an automatic ejector on the alarm-clock principle.

Mr. Bryan and Bolting.

The question of the hour is, Will Mr. Bryan bolt? Suppose he does. Who will lecture him on the enormity of the offense? The Cleveland democrats? Shall he be told by them that the majority rules and that a national democratic platform is what a democratic national convention regularly organized regularly adopts? If it comes to this we shall have much interesting talk in this country. For, of course, in reply to such deliverances Mr. Bryan will have a word or two to say, a precedent or two to quote, and line upon line of pointed observations to register. The old debate between the pot and the kettle on the question of color contains much that is edifying and instructive. Time and frequent usage have deprived it of none of its application to human affairs, and human affairs were never more human than they are today. A bolt at St. Louis, it is easily to be seen, would add greatly to the gayety of the cam-

The Republic of Panama will soon be geographically described as a long narrow body of water bounded on each side by the Monroe doctrine.

If Mr. Carnegie's list of heroes overlooks the man who makes the deciding run in the first game won by Washington, it will be

The czar may decide to take matches and gunpowder away from his naval officers until they are absolutely required.

Kansas is getting tired of having too many politicians and not enough farm

### SHOOTING STARS.

A Moment of Apprehension. "We had a dreadful time at our house this morning," said Mr. Fidge, "Had to

"Wh. was the trouble?" "It proved to be nothing serious. We

send for the doctor."

thought our oldest boy was choking, but he was only trying to pronounce the name of Russian battle ship." Different Ways.

Now who shall tell me how to climb;

A mighty statesman's place to fill? Some thrive by talking all the time And some grow great by keeping still. His Policy. "Why don't you make an effort to coun

teract the suspicions which have arisen con

cerning you among your constituents?"

"I don't want to counteract suspicions answered Senator Sorghum. "Suspicions

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"Why don't you employ a stenographer?" "Don't need one," answered Mr. Cumrox Mother and the girls can criticise my grammar and spelling all that's required.

as much patience an' forbearance wif de chillen at home dat dey does wif a losin base ball team, dar wouldn' be so many hahd feelin's in de fam'ly."

# April and August.

'm waitin' for the dog days with the buzzin' and the heat, With 'he sun a beatin' fiercely an' the rose

smellin' sweet. 'm weary of the springtime, with its mois

ture and its mist An' the germs that lie in waitin' jes' to give

your bones a twist. weary of the false alarms 'bout violets an' things.

weary of the joke that's played on every bird that sings. I'd like to see the cloud dispelled that dims

the evenin' star; I'm longin' for the dog days, when you

know jes' where you are.

an' low.

An' hear the locus' chatter in the noonday's breathless glow; want to smell the fragrance from the

wavin' clover-field see the wondrous pictures that the sun mer twilights yield. want to take my collar off, an' know tha

it can stay, swing out in a hammock, or go fishin on the bay. I've done my share o' kickin', but I take it

back complete, 'm wishin' for the dog days, with their good old-fashioned heat.

#### Training of Japanese Boys. From the Galveston News.

Japanese boys do not engage in bolsterous sports to the extent the American and European youths do. Gentleness is a prime requisite in the Japanese youngster, and the "hoodlum" is said to be unknown in Japan. He would not be tolerated even momentarily in that ingratiating climate. The little Jap boys are not wanting in animal spirits, but they are trained to control their impulses, to respect the aged, to honor their parents and to protect public and private property.

From the New York World.

Very little storage room will be required for certain discarded booms.

# Question of the Day.

From the Philadelphia North American. We do not like to point the finger of suspicion at the news dispatches, but how many sides are there to the Yalu river?

#### Makes the Voice Raspy. the Nashville American.

Mr. Bryan is likely to find that the pro-cess of gnawing a file is very injurious to

# Would Outdo Hercules.

From the Knoxville Journal. Judge Parker is trying to bring Hill and Tammany together in harmony; it is re-ported that he expects to establish peace-ful relations between Cleveland and Bryan. If he succeeds he will be known as boss peace maker.

#### A Whack at George Fred. From the Savannah News.

Massachusetts also is "safe and sane despite George Fred Williams.

Birds and Weevils.

From the Brooklyn Eagle. The boll weevil caused a loss to the cotton growers last year of \$50,000,000, value of the birds slaughtered for milli in the same period was possibly half a million. If the birds had been let alone they would have destroyed the weevils. It

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